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1. AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING (9-25) SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT CHILEAN AMBASSADOR BAZAN CALLED ON SYG MORNING SEPTEMBER 25. SPOKESMAN THEN MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS ABOUT FOREIGNERS IN CHILE:

"IN AN EXCHANGE OF CABLES BETWEEN THE SYG AND THE NEW JUNTA GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, CLARIFICATION HAS COME ON THE SITUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS, IN THE WAKE OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. THE SYG ALSO RECEIVED A CABLE FROM THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER SEPTEMBER 25 CONFIRMING THAT CONTACTS WITH THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAD BEEN "VERY FRUITFUL" AND THAT DETAINED FOREIGNERS WILL BE TREATED IN A COMPLETELY HUMANITARIAN MANNER. IN A LETTER HANDED TO THE SYG THIS MORNING BY AMB. BAZAN, IT WAS FURTHER CONFIRMED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE FULLY OBSERVED. IT ADMITS SOME MINOR INCIDENTS AND MISTAKES WERE MADE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MOMENT

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WHICH HAVE DEEPLY DISTURBED THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

APOLOGIES HAVE BEEN QUICKLY PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNED AND THE SYG WAS ASSURED OF NO RECURRENCE. THE LETTER EMPHATICALLY DENIED ACCOUNTS OF TORTURE AND EXECUTIONS. FOREIGN REFUGEES WHO HAVE COMMITTED NO CRIMES HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. IF THEY ENTERED CHILE IN A LEGAL WAY THEY WILL HAVE THE PROTECTION OF THE LAWS OF CHILE; IF THEY ENTERED IN AN ILLEGAL WAY THEY WILL BE GIVEN ALL ASSISTANCE TO NORMALIZE THEIR SITUATION IN CHILE IF THEY SO WISH. FOREIGN REFUGEES WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES WILL BE JUDGED IN CHILE. IF THE PENALTY IS EXPULSION, THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN UNLESS THEY REQUEST SAME.

THE SYG HAS ALSO RECEIVED A CABLE FROM THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND UNDP REPRESENTATIVES IN CHILE CLARIFYING THE SITUATION. END QUOTE.

2. UNHCR REP DAYAL TOLD MISOFF SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE THAT UN SECRETARIAT WILL RELEASE THIS EVENING COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, UNSYG AND HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. DAYAL PROMISED TO TRANSMIT COPIES TO USUN TOMORROW MORNING AND WE WILL SEND IMMEDIATE.

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